Happy Birthday
Mistral!
WE PROMISED YU[illegible]ZO OR RAIDOU LAST YEAR, BUT
LOOK, WE GOT [illegible]O HAVE KISARAGI BEAUTIES (AND A
HELICOPTER!) [illegible]ED INTO ONE PICTURE INSTEAD!

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Iku and Keita are childhood buddies. Naturally having been friends for as long as they can remember when one started to play baseball, so did the other. During their final year in middle school, Keita's baseball career abruptly ended as a result of the severe injuries he sustained when saving Iku from being [illegible]. Presently they go to the same high school, but ever since that accident, Iku has distanced himself from both the game and his friend, presumably out of guilt. What does Keita think? This artist's debut work also has a 31 Page follow up story added, and so be sure to read it!

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As far as debut efforts go, it's rather shoddy work,
I know, but I hope you'll enjoy it nonetheless

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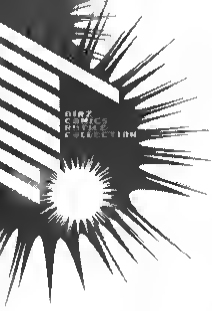

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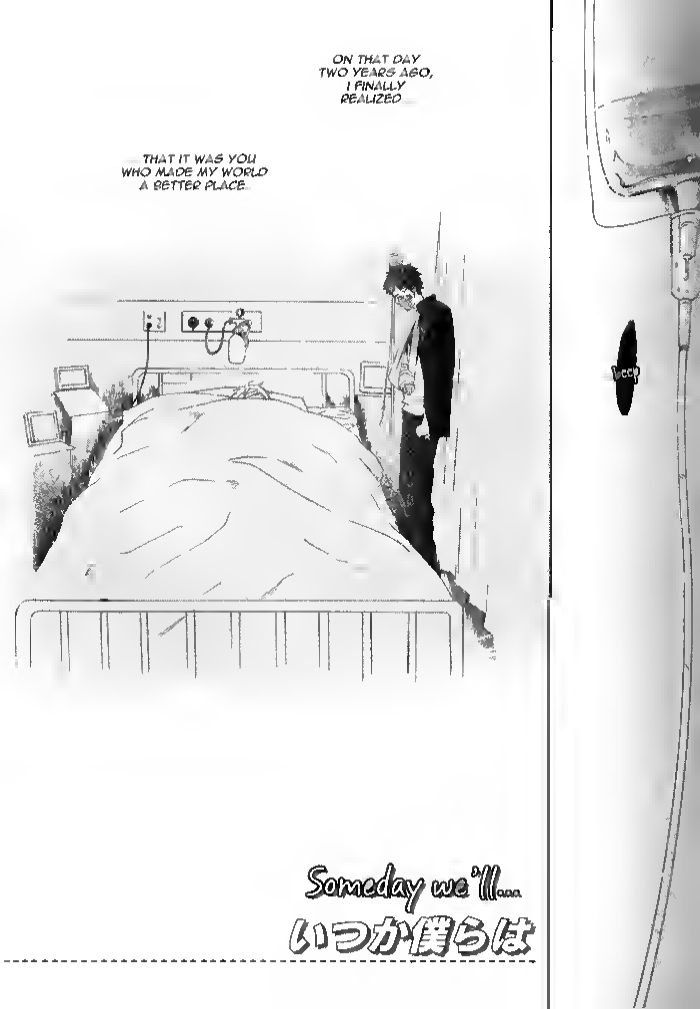
beep
C'MON, DON'T LOOK LIKE 'AT
SURE
I... WON'T BE PLAYIN NO MORE
beep
beep
BUT HEY LOOK I'M STILL ALIVE AN' BREATHIN
beep
YEAH?
...SO CHEER UP... 'ND LEMME SEE 'AT SMILE O' YERS...
'KAY?
IKU...



Someday we'll...

いつか僕らは

S...
WHAT D'YOU SAY?
HEY!
YOU GONNA DATE ME OR WHAT?
SLURP
WE CAN LIKE KISS AND HAVE SEX AND STUFF LIKE A REAL COUPLE YOU'D WANT THAT RIGHT?
SLURP
PFFT
CRUMPLE
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
HEY!
HEY, I SAID!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?
SORRY!
Huh?!
WHOOSH

DUNNO IF M-UP TO IT AFTER ALL.
M-REAL SORRY YEAH?
SMACK
PO
W

CRACK CRACK
HOW MANY DAMN TIMES DO I HAFTA SAY IT?
BUT S'FINE WITH ME IF POLITE REFUSAL DON'T WORK WITH YOU LOT
shuffle
FOR—
forgive meeeeeeeeeee!
eep!
shuffle
GEEZ
GIVE IT A REST ALREADY WILL YA?
shuffle
SLAM
GEEZ MAN.
WHY D'YA HAFTA GO OVERBOARD EVERY TIME?

TEXT ON SUPPED! MANGA

WHY NOT JUS GIVE IT A GO THEN?
Team could use ya, m sure
I AIN'T DOIN IT
WHILE I DOUBT THEY'D BE MAKIN IT ALL TH WAY TO TH KOUSHIEN
I AIN'T INTERESTED
THEY'VE NEVER BACKED DOWN FROM ASKIN YA DESPITE ALL YE'D REJECTIN
NOT ANY-MORE
GOOOAL!
HUH
OH, HEY!
JUS' LOOKIT THIS BIG OL' HAND-POINT HERE, WILL YA?
C'mon, Ikuchan, look!
WELL OOOKAY IF YA SAY SO
Haha
CAN Y GUESS WHAT IT IS? LEMME TELL YA ANYW, Y! S'MY VERY FIRST BITCH SLAP!
HA HA HA
KEITA!
ha

I WAS SERIOUS WHEN I SAID I WANT YOU TO STOP HANGIN' 'ROUND ME.
NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OUTTA IT YOU OUGHTA KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE
PNNGG

All right!!
Here we go!
swing
Ack!
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, SO TO SPEAK
AND I SUPPOSE THE FACT WE LIVED IN THE SAME APARTMENT BUILDING HELPED
BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE TWO OF US AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER
SO IT DIDN'T COME AS ANY SURPRISE WHEN WE GOT INTO THE SAME TEAM SPORT
FOR ME THOUGH IT'S ALWAYS JUST BEEN ABOUT BEING ABLE TO SHARE GOOD TIMES WITH HIM

KIRISHIMA -KUN!
THAT'S ALL I'D EVER ASKED FOR
NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS

I KNOW YOU KNOW WHERE KANAI IS. SPIT IT OUT ALREADY!
Huh?
How the hell would I know?
What do you mean you don't know?! You guys are like best friends since forever, right?!
So you should get along recca! well, right?!
WHAT IS IT?
HUH? ISN'T THIS KEITA'S ?
I'm just asking where he's! Why won't you tell me?!
tsk-tsk
W-
Tama
Hey Tamako
WHY SHOULD ALL JUST DIE!
That... that SOB! I hate him I hate him I hate him I hate-!
STOMP STOMP
BITCH SLAP!!!
Who?
turn
WE'RE NOT FRIENDS AT ALL!
WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU EVEN THINK THAT?! LEMME ALONE ALREADY, YOU BITCH-SLAPPIN' BITCH!
sob
Megu!
I hate him!
I DID warn you that it's useless askin him.
We should get back
Oh!
There she is!
Haw-
Haw dare-

Hm...
YOU MEAN BACK WHEN HE WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?
Here blow your nose
sniff sniff
snb
AFTER THAT ACCIDENT...
KANAI COULD NO LONGER PLAY BASEBALL.
SO KIRISHIMA QUIT TOO
HE WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THAT THOUGH
WELL KANAI HAS ALWAYS HAD THIS TENDENCY TO FOOL AROUND
I swear I feel like slappin that fool sometimes
AND HE'S BEEN THAT WAY EVER SINCE.
AS TO HOW THOSE TWO BECAME LIKE THIS...
BUT THERE'S NO DENYIN' THE FACT HE WAS EXCEPTIONAL WHEN IT CAME TO BASEBALL.

BACK THEN PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE AROUND HERE KNEW NAKANISHI & KANAI AND KIRISHIMA
Hey did you hear?
Hey Ikul
Apparently Kanai got a recommendation nto Hamashou!
You ser ous man?
But then again this 55 Kanai we re talkin about
C mon let s head ome!
So you re go n to Hamashou huh?
Huh?
What are ya talkin about?

Didn t I tell ya? I took th test for th same school you d d an got accepted
?!
W-
Wait a second why d you
Huh?
What about the Hamashou recommendat on everyone s talkin about?!
Oh that? Thanks but no thanks
I'M not even amin t go pro or anythin like at t begin wit
An I wanna continue playin' it wit ya even in high schoo!
S more fun 'at way so why'd I wanna go anywhere else?
KEITA S SMILES
...WERE ALWAYS HONEST AND STRAIGHTFORWARD
AND FOR SOME REASON

SCREEE
I ALWAYS FOUND THEM A LITTLE OVERWHELMING

EEE
EECH
BANG

While his life is no longer in danger
It's difficult to tell at this stage
his right arm and leg sustained extensive damage
However I'm afraid baseball is no longer an option
but with intensive rehabilitation and physical therapy they should be able to regain their basic functions
beep
beep
beep
beep
Iku
I-
I won't be playin no more
C'mon don't look like at
Sure
but hey look I'm still alive an' breathin
yeah?

I WAS OVERWHELMED...

...BY THE BRILLIANT LIGHT THAT WAS HIS SPIRIT.

AND SO I DID WHAT I THOUGHT WAS BEST
I RAN
HANG IN THERE!
JUST TWO MORE LAPS TO GO!
KISHI KISHI
YO, KIRISHIMA!
HEY, YOU.
LONG TIME NO SEE
SATOU
...

You don't need to apologize
They were the ones who wouldn't let up so I guess they had it comin
Oh, that
I heard about it y know
YEAH!!
YEAH!!
FIGHT TO THE LAST!!
Sorry
Guess I was too hard on 'em
THE TLC YOU SHOWED MY TEAM THE OTHER DAY THAT IS
Ah, if see Kinjō, he's beating his way!
JOG
WHAT?!
Where? Where?
Hey, look! That Eikōsha?
JOG
I'M SURPRISED
YOU ACTUALLY TOOK UP SEIN MANAGER AGAIN.
BUT IT REALLY IS A WASTE Y'KNOW?
I MEAN WHAT WITH YOUR TALENT AND STILL BEIN ABLE TO PLAY AND ALL
KANAI WOULD'VE
CLANG
WELL YEAH
I MEAN I LIKE IT SO WHY NOT?
OKAY.
Y'KNOW, KIRI-SHIMA
IT MAY NOT MEAN MUCH AT ALL COMIN FROM ME

Eh? What's?
IT'S MEANIN-LESS
WITHOUT HIM THERE ON THE FIELD THERE'S NO MEANIN
ME PLAYIN' ALONE
HEY, YER BACK!
WELCOME 'OME!

ALL RIGHT THEN I'M GOING TO GO PICK UP YOUR DAD I'LL BE RIGHT BACK OK?
MAKE SURE THE DOORS ARE LOCKED BEFORE YOU GO TO BED
KAY
patter patter patter
Oh, yes!
My goodness, you're late
DID YOU HAVE WORK TODAY?
Yeah
Sigh
DON'T BE SHY NOW
C'mon in
COME BACK SAFE!
SLAM
WILL DO MRS K!
Ker-chan! Please tell your mother "Thank you" for the pickled veggies!
I DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT!
WANT SOME PICKLED VEGGIES?
S'mah mama's special homemade dish
Whatever. Yer loss
After

I MEAN, WE'RE LIVIN' IN TH' SAME NEIGHBOURHOOD AN' WE, Y'KNOW, SHARE TH' SAME AGE. PLUS OUR FOLKS GET ON PRETTY WELL.
COS OF US BEIN REAL CLOSE AN ALL.
Real strange, innit?
...
WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE?
DUNNO.
CRUNCH
A series of strange coincidences, maybe?
IF YOUR BUSINESS IS DONE, GO HOME ALREADY!
NU
CRUNCH
...
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
SLAM

E-
EVER HEARD OF KNOCKIN ? JUST LEMMME ALONE ALREADY
IKU
creak
creak
BA
NG
STARTLE
SORRY NO CAN DO
CLICK
shuffle

You're really full of it
M'FULL OF IT, YEAH.
I'VE GOT "BUSINESS" I AIN'T DONE WIT
WHICH IS WHY Y'KNOW FULL WELL I AIN'T THE TYPE AT JUST SITS ALL QUIET-LIKE AN TAKES WHATEVER GETS DISHED OUT
M'WELL AWARE, Y'KNOW?

I KNOW FULL WELL 'AT FOR SOME REASON YA FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED
SO EVEN IF YA KEEP TELLIN ME
...T STOP HANGIN ROUND YA
M'NOT EVER GONNA LISTEN T'YA
crunk
GRAB
ID
NOW, YA LISTEN HERE

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDS, EVEN BACK WHEN WE WERE LIL BRATS
S BEEN SO LONG, YER LIKE A PART O ME NOW
I DON'T CARE SO MUCH 'BOUT MY BODY OR WHETHER OR NOT I GET T PLAY BASEBALL.
WHAT I *REALLY* CARE ABOUT IS YA STILL BEIN HERE WIT' ME!
IS ...

IS THIS
IS THIS HOW IT'S GONNA BE, NOW AN... FOREVER?
ARE YA GONNA SHUT YERSELF IN FER GOOD?
IKU
Please.
stop doin' this...
'cause
I'M BEGGIN' YA

I
I
I've been so afraid for the long-est time
I COULDN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW I SHOULD TALK TO YOU
OR HOW I WAS GONNA ACT AROUND YOU
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I WAS GONNA BE ABLE TO WALK NEXT TO YOU AND STILL HOLD MY HEAD UP
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO AT ALL. STILL DON'T
IKU

MAN HOW LONG S BEEN
SINCE WE WERE THIS CLOSE T EACH OTHER??
IF WE GOT A BIT CLOSER?
WOULD YA MIND

I TRULY BELIEVE
ALL THOSE TIMES WE WERE AFRAID TOGETHER
CRIED TOGETHER
LAUGHED WITH EACH OTHER
HURT ONE ANOTHER
THEY ALL SEEM LIKE THINGS OF THE DISTANT PAST
EVEN SO

I'M SURE OF IT.
THINGS WILL TURN OUT ALL RIGHT
THERE'S HOPE FOR US YET
HEY IKU
YA REALLY SERIOUS BOUT NOT PLAYIN AGAIN DUDE?
BASEBALL, I MEAN

SCUSE US!
BUT COULD YOU PLEASE THROW US OUR BALL BACK?
FWUMP
...
...
WHOOOO
Ah

ARE YOU, Y KNOW
YER SKILLS ARE STILL SHININ I SEE
Oooh!
OOH
A CURVE BALL!
WOAH
OOSH
SMACK
EH?!
GIVIN UP GIRLS FOR GOOD OR SOMETHING?
Let's hang for it
Aww, wait! I wasn't-
(Cuz I was properly late! I arrived by the Amazon an all)
Ahh-hahaha I'll do it!
I'VE A READY POLOGIZED ALL PROPER-LIKE!
BUT DON'T WORRY!
glare
If you're gonna end up makin me cry don't lead on on in the first place
YOU SURE 'BOUT THAT?
Y'know yer absol-utely r ght
Whyn't fault 'bout it manly
OH YEAH! ABSOL-UTELY!
SHE WAS IN TEARS Y'KNOW
That b tch slapping g rl of yours
OH. HER.

I DECIDED LONG AGO
AND SIDES
WHO MY SIGNIFICANT OTHER WILL BE
WHAT ARE YOU SAY...
flush
THAT BEIN' SAID
I'LL BE COUNTIN ON YA!
ehehh!
Huh?

THAT'S A GOOD HIT
Ooh!
SMASH
turn
HEY!
YER FACE S ALL RED!
HOW COME?
Aw
Will you stop lookin this way already?
Ah!
Tell me pretty please? I wanna know!
How come that Light Hearted Tomoya?!
AND SO ENDS —
— THIS CHAPTER OF OUR LIVES ON A RIGHT NOTE

A VERY BRIGHT
NOTE, INDEED

END

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Hana-no Megami!

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HEY SUGA
click click
NOT TELLIN
WHOZZIT FROM THIS TIME?
S gotta be a girl again. Who else?
WAS THERE AN UPDATE IN YOUR RECORD WE WEREN'T TOLD ABOUT?
WHAT GARBAGE ARE YA YAPPIN'? M'NOT EVEN GOIN' OUT WITH HER.
click click
WORD IS HE'S ON HIS FOURTH ONE
SCUSE ME
WHAT, SO YOU CAN GET MORE TO CHOOSE FROM?
Or was it the FIFTH?
YA LADYKILLAH, YA!
HA HA HA
Leave some for us too will ya?

SORRY ABOUT THIS
BUT COULD YOU PLEASE LET ME THROUGH?

FUJISHIRO FROM CLASS 1, IF I RECALL RIGHT
Wha! A girly face
HE'S PRETTY FAMOUS IN SCHOOL, Y'KNOW?
GONNA BE THE NEXT STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND ALL THAT
beep
WHAT'S HE CALLED AGAIN?
KYA!
KYA!

YOU TELLIN ME YOU DIDN T KNOW ALL THAT ALREADY?
GUYS LIKE HIM LIVE IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLD
THEY HAVE NO IMPACT WHATSO-EVER ON MY LIFE

OR AT LEAST
THAT'S HOW
IT WAS BEFORE
THAT ONE
FATEFUL DAY
桜の巡礼
The Sakura
Pilgrimage
KNOCK
KNOCK
2-2

Class dismissed.
I'M TALKING TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T ALREADY HANDED IT IN
ALL RIGHT LET'S STOP HERE TODAY
YAWN
DON'T FORGET TO HAND IN YOUR CAREER SHEETS BY TOMORROW
YAWN
YO, SUGA.
THE GUYS AND I ARE GONNA GO GRAB A BITE. YOU JOININ' US OR WHAT?
SORRY. I THINK I'LL HAVE TO PASS.
S'not that.
I'VE GOT BASKETBALL PRACTICE TODAY
WE'RE GOIN' ON HOME FIRST, YEAH?
Oh. Kay then.
SEE YA.
What? You got a hot date or sumthin'?

IT'S GONNA COME BACK AND BITE HIM IN THE ASS ONE DAY, I'M TELLIN' YA.
I'M SAYIN' HE'S PROBABLY DOIN' THE CLUB MANAGER.
WHAT? YOU SURE 'BOUT THAT? THAT MAKES HOW MANY NOW?
WHO KNOWS? I'M TELLIN YA DUDE'S EXACTLY THE TYPE THAT MOTHERS WARN THEIR DAUGHTERS 'BOUT
Hey there Suga-kun
SO IT'S THE MANAGER THIS TIME ROUND. HUH
Huh? The hell you talkin bout?
I'M TAKEHISA SUGAYA IN MY SECOND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL
THERE'S NOTHING IN MY LIFE I'M PARTICULARLY DISSATISFIED WITH
AND I HAVE A GROUP OF BUDDIES I HANG OUT WITH. NOT THAT I'M REAL CLOSE TO THEM OR ANYTHING.
LIFE'S PERFECT, FOR AS I'M CONCERNED.
I HAVE NO SHORTAGE OF GIRLFRIENDS.

YUU FUJISHIRO
Morimoto-sensei!
"HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LITERARY AND MARTIAL ARTS"
THAT'S WHAT THEY'D SAY ABOUT A TOP STUDENT LIKE HIM IN THE OLD DAYS
THANKS TO ALL THAT, HE'S THE SCHOOL'S SHINING BEACON
STILL, IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
SLATED TO BE THE NEXT STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT REFERRED TO AS "THE PRINCE" BY THE GIRLS IN HIS CLASS IDOLIZED AND FAWNED OVER
What a prince
Siiiigh

BAM
PHEEEET
thomp
YO, SUGAYA WHY DON CHA GET OFFA THAT HIGH HORSE O'YOURS AND JOIN THE TEAM O READY?
HA HA
LIKE HELL
WHO YOU SAVIN YO'SELF UP FO, HUH?
GREAT SHOT!
GOOD ONE, SUGAYA
YOU WERE VERY IMPRESSIVE
SENPAI?
It's fun doin it once in a while and all
but no way I'm sacrific n my free time for th s when there re other kinds of fun I could be hav n

pant
pant
pant
hnn.
hnn...
hii..
hgh..
pant
tap
tap
tap
tap
LIFE'S GOOD,
tap
tap

BUT FOR SOME REASON, I GET THIS FEELING LIKE I'M MISSING SOMETHING
Woah
CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S 10 ALREADY
Hope I'm not late for class
slap
slap

Pause
CREAK
CREAK
Student Counseling Room
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
CREAK
FIRE EXTIN

A break-in?
Peek
Rattle
WOAH!
Shock
Woah
Hey hey
S not like this is the most romantic place on earth
But why here of all places?
They offer this sorta counselin' too? Damn, why wasn't I told about it?
Tch! S TOO DARK TO SEE ANY-THING
MAN... I REALLY WANNA KNOW WHO THEY ARE
WOAH THERE WOAH!

WHA...

WHIP
SHIT.

OHSHITOHSHIT
OHSHITOHSHITOHSHIT!
I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING
NOPE! NOT A THING!
2-2
murmur
murmur
Sigh
creak
creak
creak
creak
STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

THIS'D BETTER BE GOOD OR SO HELP ME—
Hey, Suga! I'm callin' ya!
WHAT THE FUCK IZZIT?!
KNOCK KNOCK
What're you gettin' all mad at me for?
YOU GOT A VISITOR.
That look of shock
It's clear he saw me
Suga!
He-ey!
Geez, if he's shocked about almost almost me?
Suga!
Think I almost went into cardiac arrest back there
WHO'DA THUNK THE DUDE'S A HOMO?
GUH.

Um 'scuse me
WHOOOOSH

DID YOU TELL ANYONE?
Hanabi-kun
Woah he spoke
I'M TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAW YESTERDAY
NOPE
What a pain
Sides who could I have told?

Huh
Took away
Hm?
W-WHAT IS IT?
Y'KNOW...
BEEN MEANIN T ASK YA
THAT HOW YOU GET ALL THOSE GOOD GRADES O'YOURS?
OR ARE YOU REALLY THAT INTO MORIMOTO?
WELL, WHATEVER IT IS,
STUDENT-TEACHER RELATIONSHIPS ARE A BIG NO-NO IN THIS SOCIETY WE LIVE IN. DON'T TELL ME YOU DIDN'T GET THE MEMO

I figured as much.
Right
AND?
CUT THE BULLSHIT WHY ELSE DO YOU THINK I'D BE CALLING YOU OUT LIKE THIS?
Huh?
YOU ARE A SMART ONE! GUESS ALL THOSE GRADES REALLY WEREN'T JUST FOR SHOW EH?
grade +
Hand back
SWEAR IT.
SWEAR THAT YOU'LL NEVER SPEAK OF THIS TO ANYONE.

I
I SWEAR
On all that's holy, too, if you'd like
I can totally get me a new snowboard with this!
F-FIFTY THOUSAND?!
HMPH I WAS EXPECTING MORE OF A CHALLENGE
TALK ABOUT A LET-DOWN
DIDN'T THINK YOUR CONFIDENCE WOULD COME THIS CHEAP.
YOU'RE PRETTY EASY AREN'T YA?
EASY
PEASY

...
See ya.
WHA...
...
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
STRANGELY ENOUGH IT DIDN'T FEEL AS IF HE WAS TALKIN' DOWN AT ME AT ALL
DAMN, WHAT A LITTLE PISS-OFF
BUT STILL...
BWAHA HAHA
stab
You're pretty easy, aren't ya? ♡

HUH
TALK ABOUT A MODERN DAY JEKYLL AND HYDE
SEEZ
IS THIS WHAT HONOR STUDENTS ARE REALLY LIKE NOWADAYS?
bounce
bounce
bounce
bounce
PHWEET PHWEET PHWEET
BAM
SUGAYA!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY, DO IT PROPERLY!
Nope No can do
But it's my handicap coach
AND WOULD YOU STOP BLOCKING ON THAT DAMN'D CANON! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS HERE. HAVE SOME DAMN'D RESPECT!
GO, FUJISHIRO!
WELL DON'T BE THINKIN' YOU'LL BE GETTING ANY CREDIT FOR THIS!
PHWEEET

NICELY PLAYED, FUJISHIRO!
IF IT ISN'T ONE SURPRISE IT'S ANOTHER
LIFE
SLAM
COMING!
WHAT THE?!
AND COINCIDENCES ARE REALLY JUST INEVITABILITIES WAITING TO HAPPEN.
I'LL SHOW 'IM!
WHY THAT LITTLE...
HEY SUGA!

turn
DAMN! WHAT A JUMP!
Hah! That oughta show im!
-thump
SLAM
RAS
ONE MORE!
LET'S GO!
Sheesh
Sheesh
I'M THINKING THIS IS ONE OF THEM LIFE'S LITTLE INEVITABILITIES THAT IS
I suppose u'll know we could really use that incredible talent of yours
Dammit!
SO THE DAYS PASSED WITH THIS WEIRD THING GOING ON BETWEEN US THE WAY IT IS
AND JUST LIKE HOW THESE THINGS AREN'T MEANT TO LAST

GASP
WHAT?
!?
Morimoto
Battle
Murmur
What?
Really?
Whisper
IT WASN'T TOO LONG BEFORE SHIT HIT THE FAN
DON'T SCARE US LIKE THAT MAN
Huh?!
Phew, it's just you
Ph
Wha-?
Geez
What's going on?
Huh?
Well I would if somebody would just tell me
YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T KNOW MAN?
HE GOT FIRED
MORIMOTO,
OFFICIALLY
THEY SAY IT'S 'CUZ OF SOME FAMILY PROBLEMS
BUT THAT'S OBVIOUSLY BULL TO COVER UP THE TRUTH CUZ THE WORD IS IT'S SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY
!?
B-BUT WHY—?
SHHHHH
KEEP IT DOWN WILL YA?
SERIOUSLY?!

SEEMS THEY FOUND OUT HE'S BEEN DATING A STUDENT.
...
THAT IDIOT NEVER LEARNS DOES HE?
...

YO HOW'S THE HONOR STUDENT?
I KNOW IT WASN'T YOU
DON'T WORRY
WE WERE IN HIS CAR.
IT WAS JUST OUR BAD LUCK SOMEONE SAW US.
JUST LIKE YOU DID BACK THEN.

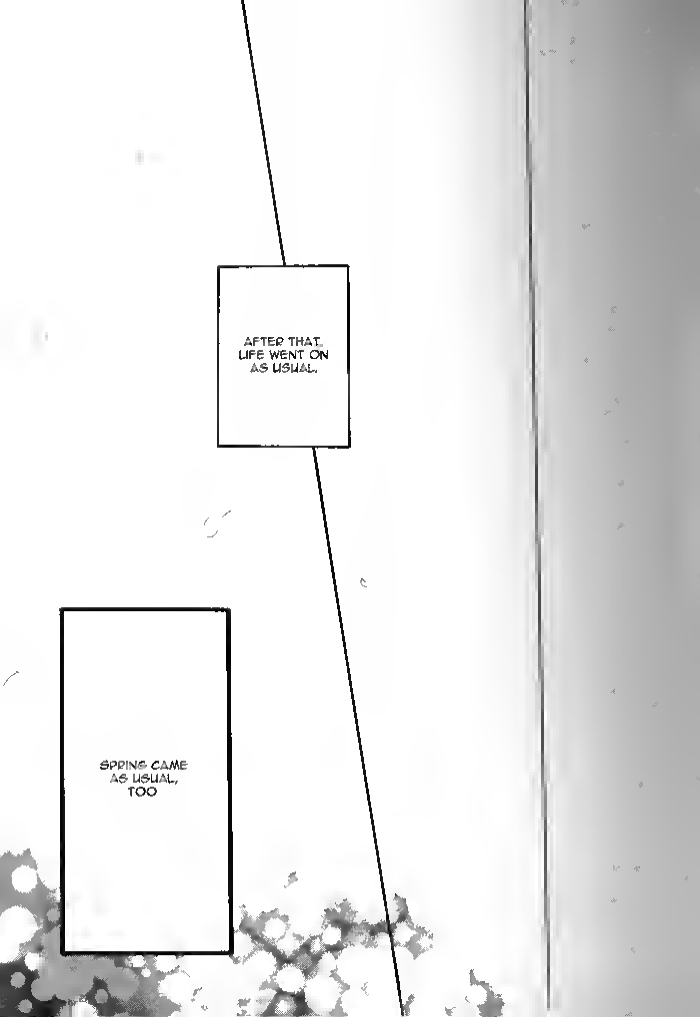
HUH
THAT SUCKS
I WAS WELL AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES IF WE WERE EVER FOUND OUT
DESPITE THAT I JUST COULDN'T STOP SEEING HIM
I REALLY DO LOVE THE MAN YOU KNOW
STILL, WHY?
SO MUCH SO THAT, EVEN IF NOW IS ALL WE'D EVER HAVE, I'D GLADLY SETTLE FOR IT
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS?

I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING

What garbage are ya yappin'? I'm not even goin' out with her.
What, so you can get more to choose from?
Senpai?
Who knows? I'm tellin' ya, dude's exactly the type that mothers warn their daughters 'bout.
Y'know, I mean, I'm meanin' it sincerely. That how you get all those good grades, yours?
NOTHING AT ALL.
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD SAY OR DO
THAT WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE HIS PAIN.

SORRY ABOUT THIS.
I'M OKAY NOW.
THANKS
I'M GLAD IT WAS YOU.

!
Whack
@EEZ
No, make that an idiot among idiots
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT
I must say, though
I never would've thought that your sort still exists
In today's society anyway
I could say the same of you
Why don't you take a guess?
Hmm? What's what supposed to mean?


AFTER THAT,
LIFE WENT ON
AS USUAL.
SPRING CAME
AS USUAL,
TOO

"MORNIN'"
HUH? YEAH...
HEY SUG
YOU'RE LOOKING PRETTY TIRED? SOMETHING THE M...TTER?
NOT REALLY. JUST PULLED ANOTHER ALL-NIGHTER YESTERDAY THAT'S ALL.
It was this sort of karaoke thing.
Was that how you spent your entire ...ing holiday? Well I wou...n't call it unusual, coming from you.
Is pissin' me off a hobby of yours or somethin'? Well, I wouldn't call it unusual either, comin' from you.
I'll take that as a compliment.
IN THE END...

FUJISHIRO DIDN'T BECOME STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
AND I REMAINED MY USUAL PARTY ANIMAL SELF.
AAARGH, fuggit.
I SHOULD JUST DITCH THE DAMN CEREMONY AND GO BACK TO SLEEPIN ALL DAY
YEAH WHY NOT?
Ugh godammit
What the hell's with this bright weather?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT? IT'S THE PERFECT WEATHER FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY
Yeah well, you wouldn't understand unless you pulled an all nighter like I did

THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS HAD

END

Everyone needs an Ichiko-flavored Baby...
Happy Birthday, Ichiko!

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SOMETIMES, LATE AT NIGHT IN THE EMPTY LAB, I'D SPY HIM WATCHING THE STARS ALL ALONE

The Beautiful T...

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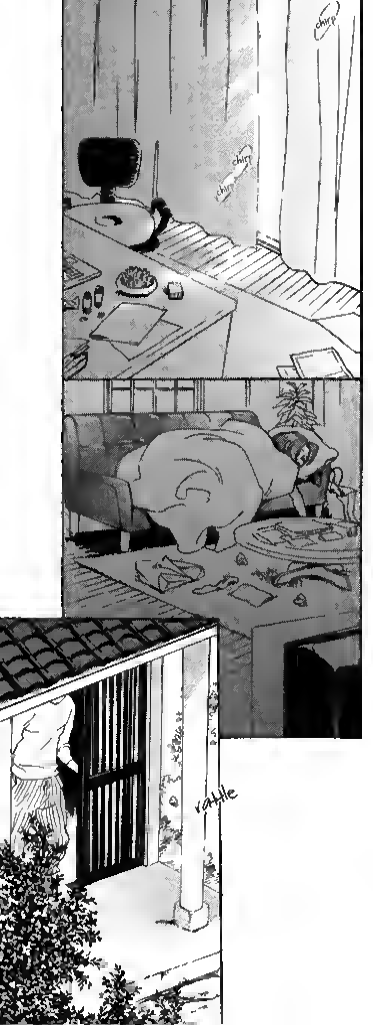
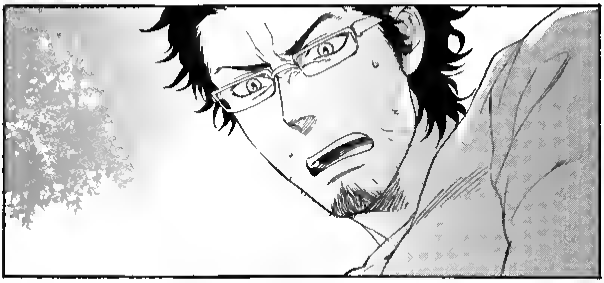


WAS ALL I
NEEDED TO
FEEL HAPPY

SQUISH
Mm mmh
open
scratch scratch
Yawn
JERK
GAA AAAA AH!
Wha
What's this?!
Wa
Ugh

ter
please



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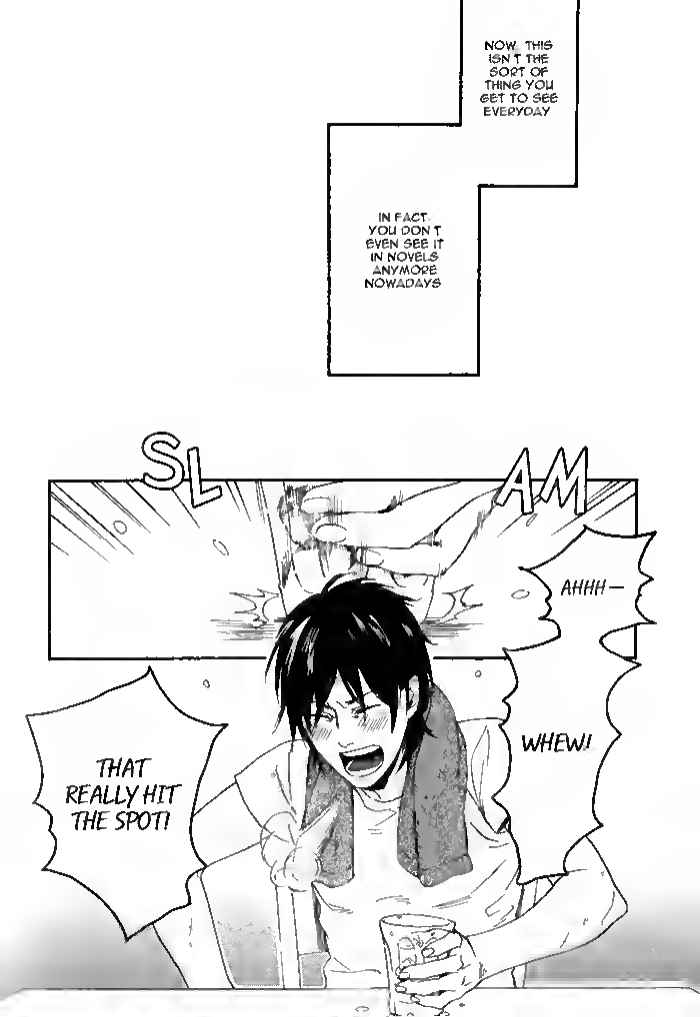

NOW, THIS ISN'T THE SORT OF THING YOU GET TO SEE EVERYDAY
IN FACT, YOU DON'T EVEN SEE IT IN NOVELS ANYMORE NOWADAYS
SL
AM
AHHH—
WHEW!
THAT REALLY HIT THE SPOT!

I'D HEARD TOKYO PEOPLE WERE ALL COLD INSIDE,
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH.
BUT I'M GUESSING THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL, HUH?
YOU HAVE MY THANKS!
EVEN THE GREAT SAHARA HAS ITS OASES, HUH?
I'm still here, you know
Would you like some more water?
Are you sure it's all right though?
Yum! That looks absolutely fantastic!
HERE HELP YOURSELF
Ah!
Don't be silly Of course it is! ♡
I RUSTLED THIS UP FROM WHAT'S IN HIS KITCHEN SO IT'S NOT MUCH
Yes please! ♡
YES?
Ahhh
HEY.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, ITOU? BECAUSE HONESTLY, YOU BEING NICE IS SCARING ME
chomp
Tee hee ♡
AND BESIDES...
B-but t-that's because he...
ON A CLOSER LOOK, ISN'T HE JUST ADORABLE?
Eh heh heh
ITOU!
What's wrong with a little kindness every now and then?
THE BOY WAS HUNGRY. WE CAN'T HAVE THE POOR KID STARVE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE NOW, CAN WE?
LORD KNOWS THIS PISSING CITY NEEDS MORE OF IT
I'LL LEAVE YOU TO ASK THE QUESTIONS
Right then
Hmmm
W-what's with that attitude?
AND WASN'T IT YOU WHO BROUGHT HIM IN IN THE FIRST PLACE?
Wha~?!
chomp
chomp
chomp
chomp

Ugh!
Have
I'll help
STA
RE
I KNEW IT!!
JERK
JERK
rummage
rummage
STARTLE

WH—?!
!?
TATSUSHI KUWAHARA! YOU REALLY ARE HIM!
SCRAAAPE
KUWAHARA-SAN,
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET! I'M AKIRA AKIRA SHINOZAKI!
OH RIGHT!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR THIS PLACE!
WOAH I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THIS IS SO GREAT!
—I MEAN, KENJIROU SHINOZAKI'S MY FATHER!
I'M—

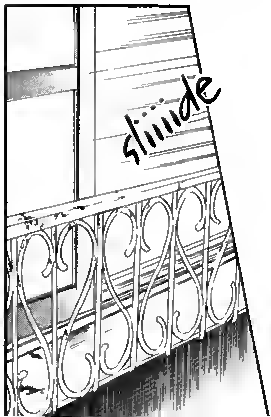
KENJIROU SHINOZ UKI...

AND...

IF YOU'RE REALLY WHO YOU CLAIM TO BE, THEN SHOW ME SOME PROOF
HUH?
There must be something you can use, right?
OH
HARMONICA
CHROMATIC
CLUNK
WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?
THIS SORRY LOOKING THING HERE IS HIS SON?!
WAIT A MINUTE ARE YOU TELLING ME...
AND YOU ITOU-SAN MUST BE
That's right I'm Kuwahara-san's editor A pleasure I'm sure ♡
Yeah, but why a harmonica of all things?
Was he into to music or something
THIS WAS MY FATHER'S
Oh, my father once said to me that if I were to ever venture into the city I should come to Kuwahara-san for help
spill
I see
HUH? HOW DID THAT COME ABOUT?
OH YES I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU AKIRA
WHEN YOU SAID YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THIS PLACE, WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU MEAN?

ARE YOU ASKING ME TO BELIEVE THAT IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE YOU ENDED UP COLLAPSED IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE?
But it only takes about ten minutes to get here from the nearest station.
THREE DAYS?!
ALL IN ALL, I THINK I MUST'VE BEEN WANDERING FOR AROUND THREE DAYS...
THIS IS ACTUALLY MY VERY FIRST TIME COMING TO TOKYO,
AND I SPENT MOST OF MY MONEY ON TRAIN TICKETS, SO I WAS GOING AROUND HUNGRY AND LOST.
Well, yes...
WHERE'S YOUR SENSE, BOY?
And I mean that in more ways than one.
AND?
YOU DO HAVE A DESTINATION DON'T YOU?
UM ABOUT THAT...
WHAT?
YOU TELLING ME YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO TOKYO WITHOUT ANY PLANS WHATSOEVER?
Well I'm all out of cash, you see.
AND YOU COULDN'T HAVE ASKED YOUR PARENTS FOR MORE?!
Well I thought I'd somehow be able to make ends meet, you see...
SOMEHOW BE ABLE...?!
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?!
BANG

WHY NOT JUST STAY HERE?
SIMPLE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HUH?!

WOAH...
POP
flicker
flicker
HOW'D IT COME TO THIS?
...
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO STAY HERE?
I promise I'll look for a job to pay for another place
YEAH
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S BEING USED
Like I had a choice
STAB
high
AND YOU...
YOU
Squeak
THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING!
LIKE HELL!
Uhuuu...

Well why not?
It won't hurt anything or anyone
And besides aren't there a lot of empty rooms in this house?
Of course I don't mean he should stay for good
You could just let him stay until he's able to afford his own place
And by way of rent you could always get him to do all the housework or something along those lines
Either way I'm sure something can be arranged
This is the best solution for Akira as well
isn't it hon?
Er ah yes
WHAT is it now?
Isn't it about time you stop depending on me to do all the housework? In case you've forgotten, I'm your editor not your housemaid
Wh-
I-I-I
I've asked you time and time again to hire one but would you listen? Nooo!
For a big-time author, you can be such a scrooge
You want to be antisocial? Go right ahead! But just like everything else, there has to be a limit, you know?
glare
!!
ITOU!

It's precisely this that drove your wife to leave you
F-
I-I—
I'll put up with this lil' greenhorn for a lil' while, if that's what ya want!
But only for a lil' while ya hear?!
Fine! I get it!
I get it, all right?
Ah!
GRIN
sssigh
THAT DAMN WOMAN...
...SANE?

BACK PEDAL!
WOAH!
Woah?
KUWAHARA-SAN?
D-DON'T BE GETTING IN MY FACE LIKE THAT ANYMORE, GOT IT?!
MY—
MY APOLO-GIES—
Geez!
Oh, yeah!
I LIKE ITOU-SAN I THINK SHE'S A VERY TOUGH AND CAPABLE LADY DON'T YOU THINK SO TOO?
Hehehe
WHAT'RE YOU SETTIN' AT?!
I've got a meet ya to attend later
So I've gotta go now See ya around Akira-kun!
Hah
NOW YOU LISTEN UP AND YOU LISTEN GOOD

IT MAY BE THANKS TO HER THAT YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A PLACE TO STAY TEMPORARILY BUT DON'T YOU GO THINKING THAT I'M ALL PEACHY-KEEN WITH THIS!
AND FIRST THING'S FIRST!
DON'T BE THINKING THAT JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE HIS SON, YOU'RE GONNA BE TREATED ALL SPECIAL 'COS YOU AIN'T GETTIN' ANY OF THAT, GOT IT?
THIS IS MY HOME
SO MAKE DAMN SURE YOU HURRY UP AND LEAVE ONCE YOU'PE ABLE TO AFFORD YOUR OWN PLACE!
DON'T BE GETTIN' COMFORTABLE IN WHAT'S CLEARLY MY TERRITORY NOW, YA HEAR?!
DID YOU GET ALL THAT, OR DO I HAVE TO REPEAT MYSELF?!
I under-stand.
I'm sorry for all the trouble I've caused
Hmph
....

UM
ALL THE SAME, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING ME UP
SO, THANK YOU, KUWAHARA-SAN
I TRULY APPRECIATE THIS
KUWAHARA-KUN
deep bow

Heh heh
Hwa
FUTON S IN THE CLOSET
MAKE SURE YOU AIR IT OUT BEFORE USING IT
THANK YOU.
AND JUST LIKE THAT...
MY RAGE DISSIPATED

ON A CLOSER LOOK THE KID DOES RESEMBLE HIM. ESPECIALLY AROUND THE EYES.
EVEN THE DIPS OF THE BROWS ARE THE SAME
HE HAS HIS SMILE, TOO.
I SEE IT ALL NOW

THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT. THAT KID IS HIS

DAMN KID'S USED UP MOST EVERYTHING
open
hummmm
PSHHH
gulp
HIS COOKING'S DECENT AT LEAST
Oh well

...
IT'S THE KID
creak
creak

HEY.
AH!
I-
I'M SORRY!
WAS IT TOO LOUD?
No, it wasn't
...!
SO YOU CAN ACTUALLY PLAY, HUH?
EH?
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT YOU AREN'T DOING IT JUST FOR SHOW THAT'S SOME REAL SKILL YOU'VE GOT THERE

SO WHY TOKYO OF ALL PLACES?
HUH?
THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY
Oh I guess
squeeze
AH
SO THAT'S WHY
MUST BE GOOD BEING YOUNG

...I MEAN, YOUR OLD MAN, HE DOING GOOD?
IS SENSEI...
CRUNCH
...

MY DAD, HE...
I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT IT'S BEEN ALMOST TEN YEARS NOW
IT FEELS LIKE YEARS SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER

HUH
SOUNDS LIKE HE S DOING WELL, AT LEAST
HE D ALWAYS SPOKEN FONDLY OF YOU
KUWAHARA-SAN
ABOUT HOW HE D ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE WORK YOU HANDED IN
HE PASSED AWAY
Huh? You say something?

MY DAD,

HE PASSED AWAY

AT THAT
I COULDN'T TEAR
MY EYES AWAY
FROM HIS LIPS

THAT SUMMER NIGHT —

— WAS A HOT AND HUMID ONE

END

DEEPEST APPRECIATION

This is my very first full volume comic. Thank you for buying it. Your support is much appreciated.

I may be completely inexperienced, but I'm willing to learn.

I'm currently lacking in experience, but I drew as best as I could.

Sorry for the ugly scrawl that is my handwriting. Your tolerance will not go unrecognized.

Konnichiwa
Nice to meet you all
The name's Kyougou
It's a strange name
I know, but I am
100% Japanese

Bonjour!

On sont les toilettes?*

Oui

← my smiley face

(*Where is the toilet?)

To my editor, who decided to pick me up despite my hideous lacks and to my friends who stood by me through thick and thin, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

BIG HAND

smirk

Thank you

VROOOOM

Whenever I see guys I tend to smirk

Don't worry, I'll return this bike to its rightful owner as soon as I'm done with it

See ya next time!

So, I'll keep at my drawing, even if it means I have to crawl around like an insect to do it.

Flail

Ummm I wanna find me a hole to crawl into and there I shall remain never to be seen again

Truth be told, I've never done a completely original BL work before so I was pretty much groping around in the dark when I was coming out with these stories

The face is hidden but the buttocks are in full view

Shriiiiek

Wait! Hear me out!

SMACK

I WON'T MAKE EXCUSES.

Hey

I said I'm sorry, okay?

Flip over cos there's more where that came from!

Fans is a name for me

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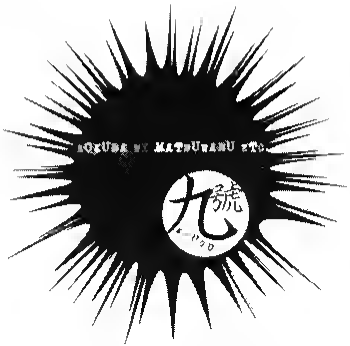
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九尾

Here
Why don't you give it a try?
Akira

TA
DA!
TA-DAAAAAH!
What talk about huge
THE NEWS CAME AS SUCH A SHOCK I FELT AS IF I'D BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING
SIGN. SHINOZAKI

I couldn't hide how disturbed I was.
When the professor's son who just suddenly showed up told me his father had died
My dad
he passed away
Bocchan?
My my Akira-bocchan
I suppose it's only natural to feel this way when faced with such news
Hey there It's been a long time Sayama-san
And Kuwahara san, it's lovely of you to bother coming all this way
Come come you must be tired
I felt the least I could do was to go offer some incense and pray for his peace
You're coming with
Eh?
And once you're home stay there
My name's Kuwahara I was a student of the professor
Is this the home of the late Professor Shimazaki?
The man I had such deep respect for is no longer around and I didn't even know about it
HOOOOOONK
Eeek!

SENSEI.
WE HAD NO WAY OF CONTACTING YOU DURING THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE FUNERAL AS THE LIST OF CONTACTS WASN'T AS COMPLETE AS WE HAD HOPED
THEREFORE PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCEREST APOLOGIES

I UNDERSTAND AKIRA HAS BEEN STAYING WITH YOU IT IS VERY KIND OF YOU I HOPE HE HASN'T BEEN ANY TROUBLE
Ah.
please don't worry about it
HIS PASSING WAS SO SUDDEN YOU SEE
I MUST ADMIT THOUGH I WAS VERY SHOCKED WHEN YOUR SON TOLD ME THE NEWS DURING HIS VISIT
No
please there's no need to apologize

STILL, YOUR PROFESSION IS ONE OF HIGH STANDARDS
I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT YOU'RE A CELEBRATED AUTHOR
Huh?
Uh
no no I'm most certainly not as celebrated as you think
I DO FEEL SO AT EASE LEAVING AKIRA IN YOUR CARE
HEY WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE? LOOK THIS WAY C'MON!
EEEEH?
Um
wa
I—I mean, I beg your pardon?
THAT ISN'T WHAT I UNDERSTAND OF THE SITUATION AT ALL
— THAT IS, AKIRA IS ONLY PUTTING UP AT MY PLACE FOR A WHILE BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO AFTER COMING ALL THE WAY TO THE CITY
The kid —

MY SON TAKUMI HAS AN IMPORTANT EXAM TO STUDY FOR THIS YEAR
HUH?
TAKUMI IS VERY ATTACHED TO AKIRA, YOU SEE IT'S SO MUCH SO THAT HE WON'T LEAVE THE POOR BOY ALONE
AKIRA BEING HERE WILL ONLY SERVE AS A DISTRACTION TO HIM AND WE CAN'T HAVE THAT, WHICH IS WHY
Wait please wait a moment
AKIRA IS JUST AS MUCH YOUR SON AS TAKUMI IS, ISN'T HE? SO WHY...
AKIRA IS THE CHILD OF MY LATE HUSBAND'S FIRST WIFE WHO IS ALSO DECEASED
SO YOU SEE, HE ISN'T MINE AT ALL.
OH.
OH.

C'MON LET'S SPLIT
EH?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID? I SAID LET'S GO HOME
Eh?
Wha
C'mon get up!
B-but
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE, THIS PLACE DOESN'T DESERVE YOU!
NO THANK YOU I WOULDN'T DARE DREAM OF IMPOSING ANY FURTHER
I I CAN CALL FOR A CAR IF YOU'D LIKE
...THIS POOR KID HERE...
IT'S ALL CLEAR TO ME NOW. IT'S ALL THANKS TO THIS WORTHLESS EXCUSE FOR A STEPMOTHER THAT...
Hawile
SQUEEZE
THE ONLY THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS...

...WHY SOMEONE AS WORTHY OF RESPECT AS PROFESSOR SHINOZAKI HAD TO GO AND PICK SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
BUT I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY NO MAN IS PERFECT SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU
WE'LL BE EXCUSING OURSELVES NOW.

KUWAHARA-SAN!
Huh?

W
wait
Kuwa-hara-san

AH!
S-
SORRY!
JERK AWAY
...
My arm... you can let go of it now...
AH!
!
Sniiiccccce
OH

TAKUMI!

awkward moment

A
Aki-ra...

AKI-NII
ARE YOU GONNA GO OFF SOME-PLACE FAR AGAIN?
...
Patter Patter Patter
WHEN ARE YOU GONNA COME BACK?
YOU SAID YOU'D TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY THE HARMONICA. REMEMBER? YOU PROMISED!
pat
DON'T WORRY, I CAN COME BACK ANYTIME
Really? D you mean that?
OF COURSE!
BUT FIRST YOU MUST PROMISE TO DO WELL ON YOUR EXAMS I'LL COME BACK TO TEACH YOU HOW TO PLAY IT AFTER THAT ALL RIGHT?
REALLY?! YOU MEAN IT?!
IT'S A PROMISE OKAY?

IT'S A PROMISE
rattle
rattle
rattle
...
rattle
rattle
rattle

ABE...
ARE YOU REALLY SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH ME, Y'KNOW, STAYING?
Um.
Kuwahara-san...
YEAH?
I-
I'm truly sorry
HON-ESTLY SPEAKING
IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE SINCE I'VE HAD SUCH AN UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE
...
HAVING ALREADY SHAMELESSLY BARGED YOUR WAY INTO MY LIFE, ISN'T IT A LITTLE TOO LATE TO BE ASKING THAT NOW?
I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT CROQUETTES ARE ONE OF MY FAVORITES
CROQUETTES
HUH?
rattle
rattle

I GUESS
DINNER TONIGHT IS SOLVED THEN.
Tch!
My instinct! Comes to play!
PFF
IT'S NOT THAT FUNNY!
DON'T BE SO RELIEVED JUST YET! I MAY STILL THROW YOU OUT
DON'T GET ME WRONG I'M NOT DOING THIS OUT OF COMPASSION OR A SKEWED SENSE OF JUSTICE OR WHATEVER
Ah! Please don't do that!
BUT I SUPPOSE HALF OF IT, AT LEAST, IS TO EASE MY CONSCIENCE

FORCING THE POOR KID OUT ONTO THE STREETS WITHOUT MUCH IN THE WAY OF PROVISIONS IS JUST PLAIN CRUEL. MAKING HIM GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN——
——IS THE ONE THING I PROMISED MYSELF I WON'T EVER DO
AND SO THE DAYS PASSED
FLOWING EASILY FROM ONE TO ANOTHER WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD

AUTUMN.
PEACEFULLY SURROUNDED BY A KIND OF WARMTH THAT'S ALMOST STIFLING, BUT NOT IN A BAD WAY
HEY.
...
OH!
Yes?

A-ah
W-
What can I do for you, sir?
It's nothing really
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD FETCH ME A CUP OF JAVA...
YES! ABSOLUTELY, SIR! RIGHT AWAY!
cover
?
Hm?
RUSH OFF
You're not at work you know.

HE DID MENTION SOMETHING ABOUT A DRINKING PARTY WITH HIS WORKMATES FROM HIS PART-TIME GIG
WAS THAT TODAY?
CLINK
IT'S GETTING PRETTY LATE
IT'S WAY PAST THE TIME FOR THE LAST TRAIN.
SCRAPE

BANG
Uh...
RATTLE
RATTLE
?
GEEZ, WHERE COULD HE BE WANDERING ABOUT AT THIS HOUR?
WOAH!
Uhm.. uuh
What the hell do ya think you're doing?!
Ugh! You reek of alcohol!
sorry
Geez!
DRINKING YOURSELF SILLY LIKE THIS..
WHAT ARE YOU, A MORON?!
Man man anh
Grah why do I even bother?

C'mon, lift your other foot
DRINKING IS FINE AND ALL BUT DRINKING YOURSELF STUPID LIKE THIS IS JUST PLAIN SILLY
Geez
GLOMP
?!
startle
HEY...
WHAT ARE YOU...
squeeeeze
H-HEY...

Just a bit more...
HUH?
LEGGO ALREADY!
squirm
squirm
Just a bit more
and I'll ave 'nuff
squeeze
Or at least I will if I keep workin like I've been for 'nother month
...but do I really hafta?
Do I really hafta leave?

I wanna
slide
I really wanna stay
!!
Kuwahara-san... I wanna With you...
huff!
huff!
huff!

ULP!
WHA-?!
Ahhhhh
SPEEEEEEEW
YAAAAAAAAK
ARRRRRGH!
YOU'VE GOTTO BE KIDDING MEEEE!
Geez
WHO GOES AND GETS HIMSELF SHIT-FACED LIKE THIS?
Here, drink this.
It's water
Oh
Thank you

fuuuuush
...
...
...

YOU PHYSICALLY ATTACK ME, SPEW BETWEEN MY LEGS AND MAKE A HUGE MESS! DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK I'D BE ABLE TO FORGET ALL THAT?!
I
I'm really sorry
OUTRAGED
I MEAN
IF THAT'S REALLY WHAT YOU WANT TO DO
I WON'T THROW YOU OUT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT
IF YOU WANNA STAY, THEN STAY
SO LONG AS YOU DON'T MAKE A HABIT OUT OF GETTING DEAD DRUNK AND SPEWING WHATEVER WHENEVER THE HELL YOU PLEASE
Eh?

THE TRUTH IS, I HAD ALWAYS WANTED TO GET OUT OF THERE
AS SOON AS I COULD
The truth is—
BUT AFTER DAD BECAME BEDRIDDEN,
I THOUGHT I SHOULD AT LEAST BE THERE FOR HIM UNTIL THE VERY END
THE SAME WAY HE HAD BEEN THERE FOR ME ALL THOSE YEARS WHEN HE WAS SINGLE-HANDEDLY BRINGING ME UP
BUT AFTER DAD'S PASSING,
I NO LONGER HAD A REASON TO STAY
If made me really happy—
—when you said what you did back then
So very happy—

IF YOU WANT A PLACE TO BELONG, YOU GO OUT THERE AND MAKE IT
BUT I SUPPOSE BY SIMPLY UPPING AND LEAVING YOUR OWN HOME AND BARGING INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S AND MAKING IT YOUR OWN... RECKLESS THOUGH IT MAY BE
PAH
!
IN YOUR OWN WAY YOU DID EXACTLY THAT.
...
...
AWKWARD

WHAT AM I GOING UTTERING LINES I'M COMPLETELY UNUSED TO SAYING?
BOOF
AHHHH!
IT'S NO GOOD.
start
EH?
?
THE TRUTH ISN'T AS PRETTY AS I'VE JUST MADE IT SOUND
WHAT I MEANT TO SAY WAS
THERE BE A LOT OF THINGS IN THIS WORLD I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT
BUT YOU I CAN'T SEEM TO DITCH
SO YOU WANT TO PICK UP

WHERE WE LEFT OFF JUST NOW?
Slap
What? You only know what it is in theory and not what it's like in practice?
Eh?
I-
I can't
Slap
Eh?
And
could you do something about that uncontrollable blushing of yours?

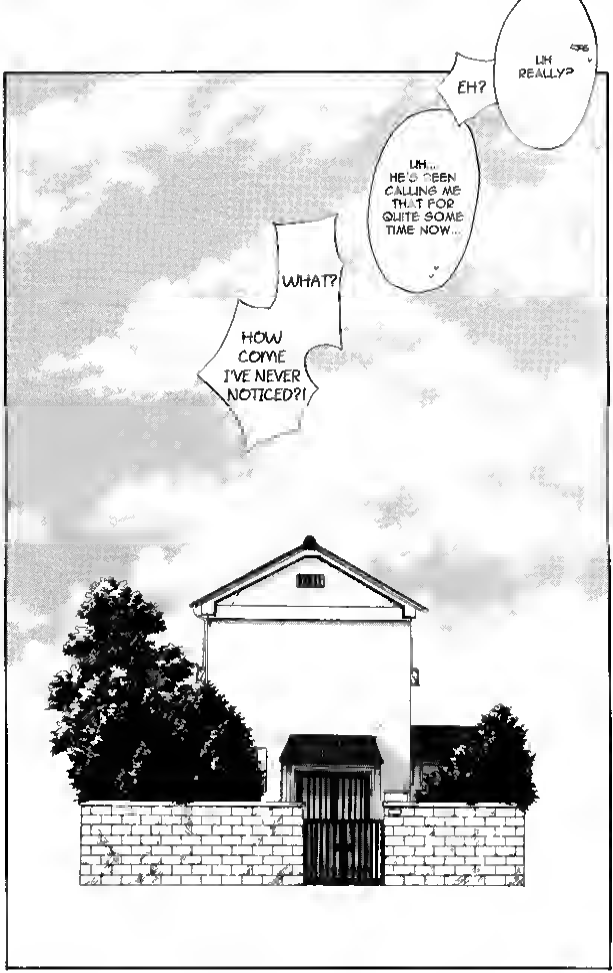
Mmph!
!
...
(huff)
...
You reek of alcohol..
(huff)
(huff)
...

I believe
being alone and solitude are two very different things
You know Kuwahara-kun
When two people nestle close to each other, it's quite often misinterpreted as a sort of interdependence
thus denying the truth of what it really is. It's one of our basic compulsions as humans
TO THINK...
—I'D BE TEACHING THE MEANING OF YOUR WORDS TO YOUR SON OF ALL PEOPLE

OH, WELL.
I SUPPOSE THIS IS JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THE MANY IRONIES IN LIFE

HELLO? ANYONE HOME?
AH, IT'S YOU ITOH-SAN COME ON UP
Thanks
Is Kuwahara-san up yet?
Uh, no. I'm afraid he isn't
FIGURED AS MUCH
creak
WHY THE HELL ARE YOU HERE ALREADY?
creep
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "ALREADY?" I SAID I'D BE COMING AFTER NOON AND IT IS
PAT
Hey Akira
EXCUSE ME.
Don't th nk you can just ignore me, hey!
Just hand the bloody thing over!

Ah
Sure thing
...
THAT WAS...
JAVA NOW
THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HEARD YOU CALL HIM LIKE THAT


EH?
UH REALLY?
UH... HE'S BEEN CALLING ME THAT FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW...
WHAT?
HOW COME I'VE NEVER NOTICED?!

END

Happy Birthday
Jin!

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LET'S JUST SUPPOSE

...THAT GOD EXISTS,

OR AT LEAST SOME FORM OF CELESTIAL BEING DOES

AND I ONLY SURVIVED THE ACCIDENT DUE TO DIVINE INTERVENTION

IF SO, THEN I BELIEVE THE REASON FOR THIS WAS SO SOMEONE WOULD STILL BE AROUND TO LOOK OUT FOR YOU.

AND THAT SOMEONE MIGHT AS WELL BE ME.

IKU.
I LOVE YOU. I REALLY DO.
IKU.

SKU
BRIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
!!!?
NOT AGAIN
AH!
SLAM
I
I
I

OH SHIT!
I'VE GOT MORNING PRACTICE!
THERE Y ARE
Y'SURE TOOK YER TIME.
W-
wha-what are you doing here?
AN' I'M WORRIED THAT YER NOT GONNA DO THIS PROP'RLY SO I'M COMIN' WIT'
WHAT D'YA MEAN WHAT'M I DOIN' 'ERE? YOU'VE GOT PRACTICE IN TH' MORNIN' STARTIN' TOD. Y..
?!

WHAT AM I?
FIVE?
worried
?
!
Whadaya waitin' for? Yer golden chariot? Let's get a move on already
Come on
A LIGHT TIME TO BE A-WASTIN'. LET'S MAKE A MOVE ON, SHALL WE?
AFTER OUR TALK,
Doesn't worry, I won't do anythin I promise just watch
You'd better not get in the way if you're gonna stay
YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?!
IKU DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH BASEBALL AFTER ALL

YEAH, AND SO, UM
EE-yEEE-
THAT PUNCH I GOT IN THE FACE WAS SOOOO WORTH IT!
Hey I said
FINALLY, FINALLY, WE'VE GOT AN ACE ON OUR TEAM!
-EEES!
THANKS TO THAT, WE'VE NOW GOT A FIGHTING CHANCE TO BE ONE OF THE TOP EIGHT TEAMS!
I WAS THINKING OF TRYING OUT FOR THE TEAM. I MEAN, I'M NOT SURE IF I'M STILL ANY GOOD AT IT AND AL...
...I'm only trying out!
Um, hey...
NO, WAIT! MAKE THAT ONE OF THE TOP FOUR TEAMS! AHAHA!
What are you, deaf? Listen to me!

JOG
TRAMPLE
TRAMPLE
TRAMPLE
chirp
'NISHI HIGH!
WHO ARE THE CHAMPIONS?!
WE ARE!

WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO MANAGE A TEAM?
AHEM
Hmm?
GET SERIOUS ALREADY!
NIGHT HUNGRY
TRAMPLE
LET'S BEAT 'EM UP!!
TRAMPLE
TH POWER OF LOVE
IS INDEED AMAZIN
Yessiree
OH
DID I SAY TEAM? M ACTUALLY MORE TH PERS NAL MANAGEMENT SORT ♡
HUH?
Don't worry! I won't get in the way prim an' proper. Just ignore me!
WHAT RE YOU YAPPIN' ABOUT?
You're givin me the creeps
So, what? You wanna make somethin' of it, bratch?
What if I do? You gonna fight me over it, twit?
WHAT'NA MEAN WHAT?!
M'SAYIN' M PERS'NALLY MANAGIN' JUS THAT'S WHAT!
"Kinda like that my team"
"Y'know Haga, people who "bring out the best" in their team take care of "literally" everything. It's kinda like that
HUH?!
FOR THE V!
LET'S FIGHT
JOG
JOG
IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE SERIOUS 'BOUT THIS, LEAVE! I CAN'T HAVE YOU 'DISTRACTIN' MY PLAYERS, ESPECIALLY KURISHIMA! NOT WHEN HE'S FINALLY JOINED THE TEAM!
What r'ya? His mama?!

KEITA
Huh?
AH IT'S IKU!
Y-YES?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN THE WAY, YOU MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
OOF
!!!
JOG
...
JOG
WELL,
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE, I GUESS.

SOME-
TIMES
I HAVE TO
WONDER
WHAT AM I TO
HIM EXACTLY?

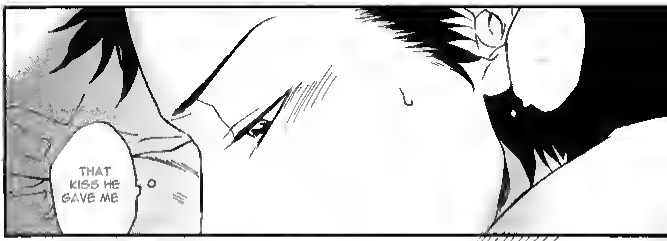
THE KISS I GAVE HIM BACK THEN
WHAT DOES HE REALLY THINK ABOUT IT?
HAS IT NARROWED
THE GAP BETWEEN US AT ALL?
...

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?
Hmm mmm
Mmm mmm
Mmm mmm
RUSTLE
WHAT TH HELL?! I DUNGEDDIT AT ALL!
TOSS

ARRRGH!!
ROLL
TOSS
TURN
THESE AIN'T WHAT M'LOOKIN' FER! AIN'T THERE ANY MORE PRACT'CAL SOURCES?
DON'T THEY 'AVE PROP'R BOOKS 'BOUT THESE SORTA THINGS?
WHAT I WANT
WITH IKU..
IS SOMETHIN MORE NATURAL

A KISS
blush
SOMETHIN MORE LIKE
THAT ENDS UP BEIN MORE THAN ONE
WHAT I SAID THIS MORNING
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID IT AT ALL

BUT I CAN'T CONCENTRATE WHEN HE'S AROUND.
toss
NO THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
IKU.


THAT KISS HE GAVE ME

CERTAINTY LIES IN RESOLVE
I CAN STILL FEEL IT

AND THEN, I WANNA DO MORE.

KIRI-SHIMA!
May I have a word with you?
!
AH YES, SIR
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE YOU STARTED TRYING OUT, HASN'T IT?
YES, SIR
SO, HOW ABOUT IT?
THINK YOU CAN STICK AROUND FOR GOOD?
IT'S NOT JUST THAT YOU'RE VERY TALENTED I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'VE NOTICED BUT YOUR PRESENCE HERE HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE TEAM
AH
DON'T TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY
I'M NOT TRYING TO PUSH YOU FOR A DECISION. I KNOW IT'S A TOUGH CALL. SO THINK ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE. THEN LET ME KNOW. YEAH?

KEITA?
YO!
TOUGH DAY AT PRACTICE?
YES SIR
I WAS WAITIN UP FER YA.
C'MON LET'S GO OME

THE COACH ASKED ME TODAY IF I WANTED TO SIGN UP FOR REAL.
REALLY?
SO Y'AGREED RIGHT?
IKU
IF MY SITUATION IS WHAT'S BOTHERIN YA DON'T LET IT.
I REALLY MEANT IT...
WHEN I SAID I DON'T'VE ANY LINGERIN' AFFECTION OR ATTACHMENT OR SOMETHIN' TO TH'SPORT IT REALLY IS NO BIGLOSS FER ME

IT REALLY BOTHERED YA THAT MUCH, HUH?
LEMME ALONE!
THAT ASIDE
!
y know
what'm more concerned about is this thing
b'tween you and me that is.
EH?
WAI—!
WE CAN CROSS NOW!
Eeeeh?
SKUP!
DASH
W-
AH!
blink
blink
FLUUUUSH
Ehehehe said I

IKU! WAIT PLEASE!
clang
blink
HEEEY!
No way I'm NOT having this conversation here
What is he an idiot?
SCREE EECH
WOAH!

HEY, KID!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE RRIGHT? CAN'T YOU SEE THE RER LIGHT?!
Ah!
I
I'm really sorry!
Is the kid all right?
Is it an accident?

VROOM VROOM
SHRIEK!
Watch it next time kid!!
I will
I'm really sorry sir
Eh?
You all right there kid?
Hey!
IKU?!

SLAM
KIRISHIMA
rattle
OBACHA-!
Y REALLY SURE YER OKAY, MAN?
For the nth time, yes
BUT YER STILL SHAKIN LIKE A LEAF!
Don't bother
My mom's not around
thwimp
She's on some sorta trip with a bunch of her friends
O-
ooh
IKU, YA...
...DIDN'T USE TO HYPERVENT'LATE BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, DID YA?
Oh, um
no...
IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME I RECALL THE [illegible]DENT.
I'M SORRY

KEITA?
BUT I'M REALLY OKAY NOW SO...
I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT YOUR LEG CONDITION AND JUST WENT ON AHEAD
ABOUT JUST NOW, I MEAN
WHY
WHY DO I HAFTA KEEP CAUSIN' Y'ALL THESE PROBLEMS?
ALL I'VE BEEN DOIN' IS TYIN' Y'DOWN...
WITH TH' ACCIDENT
AN' WHAT HAPP'NED JUS' NOW
AN' THEN THERE'S BASEBALL TOO

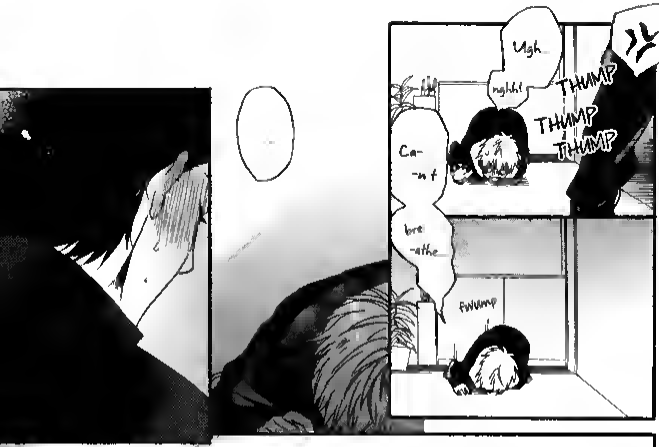
MORE THAN ANYTHIN' ELSE IN TH WORLD
YA...
YEP JUS' REALLY IMPORT'NT T'ME, Y'KNOW?
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT! BUT JUS' CUZ O THAT
.....
DON'T BE SILLY..
Hachi

I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A BURDEN
FAR FROM IT, EVEN
IF ANYTHING, EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED IS ALL DUE TO MY OWN WEAKNESS
AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS WEAKNESS IN ME THAT I KEPT RUNNING FROM YOU
IT'S NOBODY'S FAULT REALLY
AND THAT REALLY IS ALL THERE IS TO IT

I WON'T RUN ANYMORE. I PROMISE.
SO
CREAK
Um

...!
!
lick
Nn...
Ml...
Mroar

SUCKER PUNCH
So... were y'actually hypervent latin' cuz y'have th' hots fer me or somethin'?
THAT'S FOR GETTING CARRIED AWAY!
Aaaaaaah
WHA-?!
Aiyaaaa!
Aaaaaa



SLOWLY

BUT
SURELY

THE WHEELS OF LIFE
KEEP ON TURNING.

END

BOKURA NI MATSUWORU ETC
WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING HERE?! I THOUGHT I'VE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS HOUSE ISN'T YOURS!
My baby sure likes it ease
Yawn
I've got an early start tomorrow. Better get to bed
Mmmm
I don't have got up early, but I'm glad to go to bed
I'm home
Ah!
Welcome home!
Care to explain to me why you're here so damned often as if this were your place? Last I checked this is mine and not yours!
GRAB
So?
AHAHA HAHAHA HAHA!

Bokurani matsuwaru ETC.

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